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## Sweetwater School

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### Principal's Message:



Dear Parents,  
We are approaching the time for our standardized state test, the AzMERIT, which is taken by all third through eighth grade students. **It is the week of March 28, just one week after we return**

**from spring break. All students need to be present for the testing week and everyone needs to be on time.** Teachers are working hard to cover necessary material with students, review important content and do interventions with students when necessary. **Every day until the testing is very important, as well.** Please make every effort to get your child here every day.

Teachers will be having class incentives for students who put forth their best effort on all the parts of the test. Make sure your child gets enough rest each night that week. They will be provided breakfast at school, but if you want to make them something special that week, feel free to do so. Our teachers have diligently been teaching the grade level standards all year and our students will be ready. **Thank you for any support you can lend to your child the week of testing – March 28 through April 1.**

Now for some upcoming fun! **We are having our Annual PTO Family Fun Night (formerly known as "BINGO" night) on Friday, April 22.** Mark your calendar. We will be looking for donations for our grade level prize baskets that we have a drawing for that evening. We will sell pizza again and all grade levels can play bingo. The bingo cards are free, although we appreciate any donations to defer the cost of this fantastic, fun, family evening. So mark your calendars and come to eat and play. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,  
Luanne Herman

### Be Considerate to our Neighbors

Please do not park in the crosswalk or block driveways of residents in the neighborhood. This is an extreme safety concern for children when you park in the crosswalk. It's also very inconsiderate to our neighbors to block their driveways. Please be proactive and comply with these two requests.

### Parking Lot Safety Reminders



Please enter and exit the parking lot at the designated areas and watch your speed. Students are not to be dropped off or picked up in the drive-through lane at any time. Parents who are parking in the handicapped parking spaces must stay in the pickup lane and turn right into the handicapped parking space. Cars must stay in the lane in which they enter the parking lot from start to finish. At no time should a car cross the path of the other lane.

Parents and students are to cross the parking lot at crosswalks only and should never walk out in front of traffic. Drivers must always be aware of pedestrians and make safety your first priority.

### Tax Credit

To make a tax credit donation, simply go to the WESD Web site, [www.wesdschools.org](http://www.wesdschools.org), Quick Links. Print and complete the tax credit form and return it to Sweetwater School.

**Tax Credit donations are still being accepted for the 2015 tax year.**

For further information, contact Norma Sanner at 602-896-6501.



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**We Appreciate our Parents**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic book fair. The fair was a great success, and all the money raised goes directly to the library to purchase new books.

**Our sincere thank you** to the following companies that donated items to support our Leadership Night. We appreciate your generously!

- Desert Botanical Garden
- Sprouts
- AZ Cardinal's
- In 'n' Out
- Heard Museum
- Five Guys
- Sardella's
- AZ Museum of Natural History
- Valle Luna
- Phoenix Art Museum
- Arabian Horse Show
- Target

**Volunteers For Friendship: VFF's**

Volunteers for Friendship is growing! In addition to 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grades, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are now part of the club.



Volunteers for Friendship is a club that pairs students with and without disabilities for social activities such as crafts, games and fun projects. Students volunteer to be involved and fill out an application. Students commit to being a VFF for one semester, but in most cases, stay with their pals for the whole year. In February, all grade levels celebrated Valentine's Day by creating handmade valentines. Stay tuned for news about our March activities!

**Yearbooks**

Buy your 2015-2016 yearbook for \$23 until March 11. Make checks payable to "Sweetwater School." If paying by cash, please have the exact amount. This year's yearbook will have 48 colorful pages, which will include all grade levels (K-8). Buy yours now before the price increases to \$26 after Spring Break. Contact Mrs. Bruss ([wilma.bruss@wesdschools.org](mailto:wilma.bruss@wesdschools.org)) for any questions.

**Don't forget to check the lost and found for items you may be missing. There are many coats, sweaters and lunchboxes.**



**Sweetwater Calendar of Events**

**Early Release Wednesdays Dismissal Time – 1:00 p.m.**



**March**

8	Family Links, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Cholla Festival, 7:00 p.m.
9	Big Fun Field Day, 9:00-10:45 a.m.
11	Spring Pictures Great Skate, 5:30-8:00 p.m.
<b>14-18</b>	<b>No School – Spring Break</b>
22	Spring Dance, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
24	Family Links, Drug Abuse Awareness 4:30-6:00 p.m.
28	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
28-4/1	AzMERit Testing
30	Report Cards go home

**April**

7	Promotion Pictures, 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
19	Greenway Choir Festival, 7:00 p.m.
19	Yogurtini Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m.
20	Midterms go home
22	Family Fun Night
25	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
29	Leadership Day

**May**

3	Teacher Appreciation Day
4	National School Nurse Day
10	NJHS Induction Ceremony, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
17	Fine Arts Night, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
19	Promotion Dance, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
<b>20</b>	<b>Promotion Ceremony, 6:30 p.m.</b>
23	Site Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
<b>24</b>	<b>Last Day of School Early Dismissal</b>

**Spring Pictures  
March 11**

**Plan now to attend our eighth grade promotion ceremony on Friday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m.**

